"§ 163-278.16. Regulations regarding contributions, expenditures and media advertising, timing of contributions and expenditures.

(a) Except as provided in G.S. 163-278.12, no contribution may be received or expenditure made by or on behalf of a candidate, political committee, or referendum committee:

- (1) Until the candidate, political committee, or referendum committee appoints a treasurer and certifies the name and address of the treasurer to the Board; and
- (2) Unless the contribution is received or the expenditure made by or through the treasurer of the candidate, political committee, or referendum committee.

(b) to (e) Repealed by Session Laws 1975, c. 565, s. 2.

- (f) No media advertisement of any kind may be made by a treasurer, candidate, political committee, referendum committee or individual unless
  - (1) It bears the legend or includes the statement: "Paid for by (or Sponsored by)...... (Name of candidate, political committee, referendum committee, individual)";
  - (2) The name used in the labeling required in subdivision (1) of this subsection is the name that appears on the statement of organization as required in G.S. 163-278.7(b)(1), provided that this subdivision applies only if the sponsor is a political committee or referendum committee;
  - (3) The sponsor states in the media advertisement its position:

a. For or against the candidate; or
b. For or against an opposing candidate

provided that this subdivision applies only if the media advertisement is made for or against a candidate; and

(4) The sponsor states in the media advertisement its position for or against the ballot measure; provided this subdivision applies only if the media advertisement is made for or against a ballot measure.

The requirements of subdivisions (3) and (4) of this subsection do not apply to any print advertisement less than two inches by two inches in size, or to any radio or television advertisement of less than 20 seconds in length.

The media shall not publish or broadcast any political advertisement unless it bears the legend or includes the statement required herein. For purposes of this subsection, "media" means broadcasting stations, carrier current stations, newspapers, magazines, periodicals, outdoor advertising facilities, billboards, and newspaper inserts.

(g) All printed matter from a political party or political committee which opposes the nomination or election of a clearly identified candidate shall indicate in type smaller than 12 point the name of the political party or political committee and the name of the candidate that is intended to benefit from the printed matter."

**Section 2.(c)** G.S. 163-278.27(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Any individual, candidate, political committee, referendum committee, treasurer, person or media who violates the applicable